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Historic Naval Air Station at Sand Point Endangered Submitted by Lynn Ferguson



The Washington Trust for Historic Preservation has just named Sand Point Naval Base one of its 2009 Most Endangered Historic Properties. About ten years ago the historic district was defined by the Navy when they turned the site over to the city for park use. It was declared eligible for listing as a Federal and State Historic District. However, this was never done. Several of the buildings remain vacant and the roof

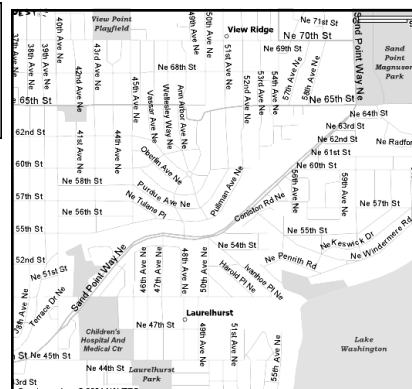
has collapsed on one. Now is the time to protect this historic district as a City of Seattle Landmark District. This area could be a historic district full of people living and playing within a city park. Old buildings could be put to new uses while preserving the exterior and sense of Seattle's early military and aviation history. Smart growth is possible with historic designation. Use would not be controlled, just exterior treatments, signage and lighting.

In April 1924 four Army pilots and their mechanics took off for the first Around the World Flight from the airfield at Sand Point on Lake Washington. Traveling at about 75 miles per hour, the three remaining planes landed wingtip to wingtip in September at Sand Point to a crowd estimated at 50,000. There was a huge parade in Seattle and a marker was placed on the station in October commemorating the first global flight. Three years later Charles Lindbergh on a national tour landed his "Spirit of Saint Louis" at Sand Point before a tickertape parade in downtown Seattle. Air flight was coming into its own as important to the country in time of war and peace. The Navy wanted an air station close to the shipbuilding at Bremerton and the new Boeing plant. Sand Point was the perfect spot.

Early Boeing NB1 biplanes were sent to Sand Point in crates and assembled to be flown to other bases. Boeing Model 40's were barged from plants by the Duwamish River and assembled. They carried 450 pounds of airmail and four passengers crammed into a little space in front of the pilot's open cockpit.

Gradually the trees were cut, hills were flattened, the lake was filled, and more runways built until most of the 400 acre waterfront base was complete. Training, support, transport and repair of planes for the Navy northwest fleet was the order of the day. All the buildings in the historic district were complete before 1941. Art deco buildings and Colonial Revival style architecture prevailed. Many of the runways and buildings were built as WPA projects during the 1930's. The original runways were made of handcrafted 3 by 3 inch granite cubes. Later asphalt covered the wetlands and peat bogs as the 15 acre lake was filled. All was ready for the time of most use during WWII, when up to 7,000 military and civilians lived or worked on the base. Officers' houses, enlisted men's quarters, administrative buildings, a hospital, chapel, fire station, steam plant, parade ground, dock, hangars, and even a small bowling alley, theatre, swimming pool, and golf course provided housing and recreation. Most of the buildings remain today in close to their original condition, but the old runways are gone.

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**Unless someone like you
cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to
get better. It's not. ~Dr. Seuss**

Did you know that a million more Americans took time out of their schedules to volunteer last year than they did the year before. (*Seattle Times*) How can you support your Hawthorne Hills Community?

1. Submit an article for the Newsletter
2. Suggest an idea for the Newsletter
3. Participate in a Circle Clean-Up
4. Help organize community events
5. Support the community through dues (see below)

*Ryan Rockwell can be reached
at ryanrockwell@cbbain.com*

Meet Your Council President

Ryan Rockwell, the President of Hawthorne Hills Community Council, has lived in Hawthorne Hills for the past 9 years with his wife Cindy and two sons Nicholas and Alex.

Born and raised in Seattle, he has been selling residential Real Estate for the past 12 years. When not selling real estate, he will sometimes be down at the Circle taking in the views of the City and watching his kids run around playing tag. He has thoroughly enjoyed living in the neighborhood and also being surrounded by such great neighbors.

Each newsletter will feature a brief bio of an officer or trustee of the Hawthorne Hills Board.

The Hawthorne Hills Community Council (HHCC) is a voluntary non-profit group of 12 Trustees and 5 Officers that serves to promote the welfare of our neighborhood. One of our most vital purposes is to represent our neighborhood before city, county and private entities to ensure our interests are heard and our concerns taken into account in civic planning matters. Through meetings (4/yr), a newsletter (4/yr), and website (<http://www.seattle.gov/hawthornehills/index.htm>) we strive to inform our neighborhood of issues that can affect our properties and community.

Dues to support the work of the HHCC are \$25.00 per household per year (\$15.00 a year for retired, senior citizens or student households). All Trustees and Officers of the HHCC serve without compensation. Checks should be sent to the HHCC Treasurer, Marsha Donaldson, 4525 NE Tulane Pl, Seattle, WA 98105 or can be paid on-line via our website.

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North East Seattle Together (NEST)

New virtual neighborhood "village" to help seniors remain in their own homes safely and comfortably for as long as possible

North East Seattle Together (NEST), a new virtual neighborhood "village," will hold additional community meetings to explain its mission of allowing seniors in Northeast Seattle to remain in their own homes safely and comfortably for as long as possible.

The meetings, which are being held at branch libraries, are free. The next two on the schedule are:

- Wednesday, Sept. 16, 6-7:30 p.m., Northgate Library, 10548 5th Ave NE
- Tuesday, Oct. 13, 6-7:30 p.m., University Library, 5009 Roosevelt Way NE

Hundreds of northeast Seattle residents have already attended earlier meetings on NEST, an innovative, new approach to "aging in place."

"What we have heard over and over again is that seniors want to stay in their homes, in their neighborhoods, but need help with anything from grocery shopping to doctor appointments to mowing the lawn," said Mike Ullmann, NEST's president.

Other services NEST will offer include referrals to all kinds of in-home help, such as handymen, house cleaners and home health care, and preferred provider relationships with local health care organizations, fitness clubs and service groups.

Membership in the non-profit organization is open to all ages, and most services will be provided by volunteers. An annual membership fee will support a small staff which will coordinate services, accredit providers and organize events. More than three dozen other such "villages" now exist across the country. NEST, which intends to open in the spring, hopes to be the first in Seattle.

NEST will serve residents in the University District, Laurelhurst, Sand Point, Hawthorne Hills, Ravenna, View Ridge, Wedgwood, Roosevelt, Meadowbrook and Maple Leaf neighborhoods.

The NEST Web site, at www.nestseattle.org, has more information and a survey on what services seniors would like to see. It also has information on how to volunteer to help.

For more information, visit www.nestseattle.org or contact Mike Ullmann, mike@mikeullmann.com, or info@nestseattle.org



Historic Naval Air Station

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Much positive development has already happened. Old enlisted men's barracks house formerly homeless families; the old officers' houses are group homes for teenagers; the theater is now home to the Civic Light Opera, and the University



of Washington has many activities in their buildings including one currently being redone to house a Pediatric Dental Clinic. Seattle Parks and Recreation historic buildings are being used for administration and the headquarters of several non-profits like Cascade Bike Club, Washington Native Plant Society, Conservation Corps and Bats Northwest. Arena Sports soccer, Sail Sand Point, and a group of twenty artists have found homes here as well.

Seattle now has a wonderful chance to celebrate our past while developing this historic waterfront urban park. It has been twenty years since Seattle had a new Landmark District. Fort Lawton was the last. It would be highly appropriate for Naval Station Puget Sound at Sand Point in Warren G. Magnuson Park to become the next.

Lynn Ferguson, Citizens for Naval Station Puget Sound at Sand Point Historic District lynnferguson65@comcast.net

Note: We have not had a new Historic District in 20 years; Sand Point deserves that status as its development goes forward. Please tell the mayor and city council that you want this site preserved as a City, State and Federal Historic District. Lynn Ferguson

The National Archives: A Community Resource

submitted by Candace Lein-Hayes

Have you ever wondered what is in the large gray warehouse on Sand Point Way just south of 65th Street? You may be aware of the National Archives in Washington, DC, where the Declaration of Independence, Constitution, and Bill of Rights are on display. But the National Archives is also located right here in your neighborhood. The facility on Sand Point Way is the home of the National Archives at Seattle and the Seattle Federal Records Center.

The National Archives is a small federal agency with a large mission: preserve and make available to the public the historical records of the federal government. To accomplish this mission, the National Archives established regional facilities to house federal records close to the people who are most likely to use them. The Seattle Federal Records Center was established in 1952 and moved to our current site in 1962. The regional archives with its public research room was created in 1968. The National Archives at Seattle holds permanent textual records created by federal agencies in Washington, Oregon, and Idaho. In addition, we hold a wide variety of records, national in scope, available on microfilm or online through

public access computers. The public access computers offer free access to such online subscription services as Ancestry, HeritageQuest, and Footnote.

Who visits our research room? Genealogists researching their family history; students working on National History Day projects; lawyers researching information for litigation; people documenting their citizenship through naturalization records; history buffs researching a topic of interest; graduate students and professors writing papers and books; government employees working on projects; and the general public.

What kind of textual records do we preserve? Records from Mt. Rainier National Park; Army Corp of Engineers records relating to the building of the Ship Canal and Chittenden Locks and dams on the Columbia River; Forest Service records relating to the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest; Bureau of Land Management Records relating to federal ownership of land in our region; U. S. Custom and Coast Guard records relating to maritime activity on Puget Sound; Bureau of Indian Affairs records relating to Native Americans in the region; and much

much more. The Regional Archives holds over 36,000 cubic feet of textual records, maps, drawings, and photographs dating from the 1850's to the 1990's. Our holdings continue to grow each year as additional records get transferred into the regional archives.

Our research room is open 7:45 am-4:15 pm Monday-Friday and 9:00 am-4:00 pm on the second Saturday of each month. If you are interested in family history research, our genealogy volunteers are available to help get you started and answer your questions. If you are interested in the history of this region, our archives staff can assist you with your research questions.

Workshops and other events are listed on our website at <http://www.archives.gov/pacific-alaska/>. We welcome your visit and can arrange tours of our facility and our photo exhibit. See our ad for additional contact information.

Candace Lein-Hayes, Regional Administrator

NARA-Pacific Alaska Region

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Archives staff member in the stacks.



National Archives and Records regional facility on Sand Point Way near Magnuson Park.

HAWTHORNE HILLS RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES*

April-June, 2009

6/9 5500blk NE 65th reported at 2:42PM, the apt. mgr. heard some noise in the building's laundry room and went to check it out, he saw a suspect going out the door with a roto hammer, the mgr. called 911 and followed the suspect, the suspect left the area but the mgr. was able to give a good description of him and his car, the suspect was located a short time later and taken into custody

There were no incidents in April or May except for one attempt just outside Hawthorne Hills boundaries.

4/23 6500blk 51st Ave NE reported at 4:40PM the resident was home and heard the doorbell, since she was not expecting anyone she did not answer it, then she heard the doorbell at another door so she went to check it out, she saw male she described as possibly high school age, he was wearing a backpack and was pushing his back against the glass door as if trying to break it, she yelled at him and he took off running and joined up with two other males who were waiting for him.

**unofficial stats provided by the Seattle Police Department*

Note: "Sometimes it cannot be determined how burglars got in as they almost always open several doors to provide themselves escape routes in case they are seen or the resident comes home. It also can be hard to pin down the time depending on how long the resident was away. I can say that the vast majority of burglaries happen during the day as opposed to evening or overnight."

Seattle Police Department

WHERE IN THE HILLS IS MAYNARD?



Jon Nowlis and his "owner" Maynard take a summer walk on leash in the Stanford Avenue neighborhood. Their white VW bug is outfitted with a raised front seat for the little passenger. A local news personality spotted Jon and Maynard recently on one of their frequent walks and mentioned the pair on air.

SUMMER MEMORIES



CIRCLE CLEAN-UP

A big thank you to everyone who turned out and attended the spring clean up at University Circle Park. We had over 15 residents show up and were able to bag up over 12 bags of yard waste. With a little bit of effort from neighbors, we will be able to keep our park looking great! Fall Clean-Up and Mulch Spreading will take place on Saturday, October 17th from 9-11 am. See you there!



The Circle at 65th and Princeton, where an estimated 350 viewers and participants enjoyed the annual Hawthorne Hills Fourth of July Parade, Fire Truck and 180 ice cream sandwiches. Bring your own musical instruments next year and let's start a Holler Band! To see more photos from this event or to submit your own photos for sharing, please visit www.seattle.gov/hawthornehills/



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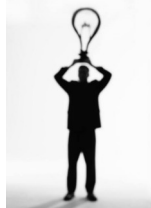
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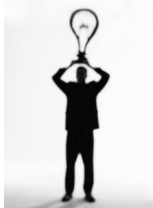
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- HHCC Meeting 9/16/09 7:30pm
1st Floor Conference Room, Bldg. 30, Magnuson Park
- Fall Circle Clean-Up 10/17/09 9:00-11:00 am
- HHCC Meeting 1/20/10 7:30pm
1st Floor Conference Room, Bldg. 30, Magnuson Park
- General Meeting 4/21/10 7:30pm
Sand Point Community Church, 4710 NE 70th St.

More details at www.seattle.gov/hawthornehills/council.htm



Fire Station 38 Groundbreaking
4004 NE 55th Street
Thursday, September 10, 2009
Noon

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